

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Fabu Carter-Brisco, known professionally as Fabu, has been a major figure in Madison's literary arts movement for many years; and

WHEREAS, Fabu has contributed to inspiring great interest in poetry, reading, and writing in Madison, especially in the women's community, among school-aged children, and in communities of color; and

WHEREAS, Fabu has enriched Madison with lively cross-cultural exchanges, opening hearts and minds with global perspectives; and

WHEREAS, Fabu represents Madison's literary community globally with readings in South Africa and Kenya; and

WHEREAS, Fabu also shares rich cultural traditions from around the world with Madison audiences and invites poets and writers from abroad to share their views with local audiences; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Arts Commission accepted the nomination of Fabu as the next Poet Laureate of Madison;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Madison, Wisconsin does hereby name

FABU

MADISON POET LAUREATE

effective January 21, 2008.

Mayor David J. Cieslewicz

Signed and sealed this 3rd day of January
2008 at City Hall.